

August 11, 2008

The Honorable Ed Shafer
Secretary
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave. SW
Jamie L. Whitten Building, Rm. 200-A
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Secretary Shafer:

During the Spring of 2008, the Relevancy and Adequacy Subcommittee of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education and Economics (NAREEE) Advisory Board (the Board) conducted its mandated annual review of the relevance of the stated priorities for funded agricultural research, extension, education and economic activities conducted by the United States Department of Agriculture and the adequacy of funding for these programs.

Enclosed for your consideration is copy of the Board's final report on this subject matter area. The Board believes that the suggestions offered will help to improve the Department's research, extension, education and economics initiatives.

As always, I remain available to discuss our findings with you at any time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "M. A. Massengale".

Martin A. Massengale
Chair

Enclosures

cc: Deputy Secretary Conner
Under Secretary for REE Buchanan
U.S. House and Senate Agriculture and Appropriations committees/subcommittees